Computerised version of books

2181. SHRIMATI JAYA BACHCHAN: Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that Government have decided to introduce computerised version of books of some classes in the next few months;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) whether the decision would deprive students belonging to weaker section of the community not having computers at home;

(d) whether Government propose to help such students or has an action-plan to do so;

(e) if so, the details thereof; and

(f) if not, the reasons therefor?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT (SHRI MD. ALI ASHRAF FATMI): (a) and (b) National Council of Educational Research and Training (NCERT) had placed the content of several textbooks for classes IX to XII on the web-site during the academic session 2005-06. It also plans to put the re-print editions of textbooks of classes II, IV, V, VII, and VIII and also new textbooks of classes I, III, VI, IX and XI during the academic session 2006-07.

(c) to (f) No, Sir. NCERT textbooks in printed from will still be available in the market as before. Availability of textbooks on the web-site is an additional facility which can be made use of, depending on need.

Student teacher ratio

2182. SHRIMATI JAYA BACHCHAN: Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) the student teacher ratio in the schools of the country taken together and its comparison with the last five years; and

(b) whether it is a fact that in some schools in Delhi alone, there are only two teachers for more than 400 students; if so, the reasons therefor?